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Future USS San Antonio

LPD 17 Fact Sheet

Mission

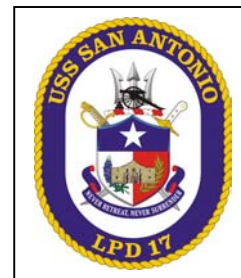
The future *USS San Antonio*, currently under construction at Northrop Grumman Ship Systems' shipyard in Avondale, LA, is the first amphibious transport dock of the twelve-ship *San Antonio* class. The *San Antonio* will be used to transport and land Marines, their equipment and supplies, by embarked air cushion or conventional landing craft or amphibious assault vehicles, augmented by helicopters or vertical take off and landing aircraft. It will support amphibious assault, special operations, or expeditionary warfare missions through the first half of the 21st Century.

Name

Secretary of the Navy John H. Dalton named the lead ship of the LPD 17 class *San Antonio* in 1996 after the city in Texas. "The *USS San Antonio* will be the most high-tech, advanced amphibious ship ever built. It is an honor for me to name such an important new combat ship after San Antonio, site of the battle of the Alamo. It is also important that we keep alive the tradition of naming ships after American cities," said Secretary of the Navy John H. Dalton. This is the first U.S. ship named *San Antonio*.

Ship Characteristics

<u>Length</u>	684 feet (208.5 meters)
<u>Beam</u>	105 feet (31.9 meters)
<u>Displacement</u>	Approximately 24,900 tons full load
<u>Speed</u>	In excess of 22 knots (24.2 mph)
<u>Aircraft</u>	Four CH-46 <i>Sea Knight</i> helicopters or two MV-22 tilt rotor aircraft may be launched or recovered simultaneously. The ship's hangar can store 1-2 aircraft.
<u>Armament</u>	Two 30 mm Close-in-Guns, for surface threat defense; two Rolling Airframe Missile launchers for air defense
<u>Landing Craft</u>	Two LCACs (air cushion) or one LCU (conventional)
<u>AAAVs</u>	14 Marine Corps Advanced Amphibious Assault Vehicles
<u>Power plant</u>	Four Colt-Pielstick diesel engines, two shafts, 40,000 Hp
<u>Crew</u>	361 (28 officers, 333 enlisted)
<u>Troops</u>	699 (66 officers, 633 enlisted); surge to 800 total.
<u>LPD 17 Class</u>	<i>San Antonio</i> (LPD 17), <i>New Orleans</i> (LPD 18), <i>Mesa Verde</i> (LPD 19), <i>Green Bay</i> (LPD 20), and <i>New York</i> (LPD 21)
<u>Motto</u>	"Never Retreat, Never Surrender"



Dates

Construction of LPD 17 began in 2000 and keel laying took place in December 2001. The ship was launched in July 2003 and then christened by Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison of Texas. The ship will be delivered to the Navy in 2004 and then commissioned as *USS San Antonio* in 2005.

For more information about the future *USS San Antonio* and other *San Antonio* LPD 17 class ships, go to www.pms317.navy.mil.